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THE

AVENGERS

HENRY PYM'S LAST STAND AGAINST...

...THE EVIL
OF
EGGHEAD!

THIS
IS IT!



STAN LEE PRESENTS THE LAST BATTLE OF A FALLEN AVENGER...

FINAL CURTAIN!



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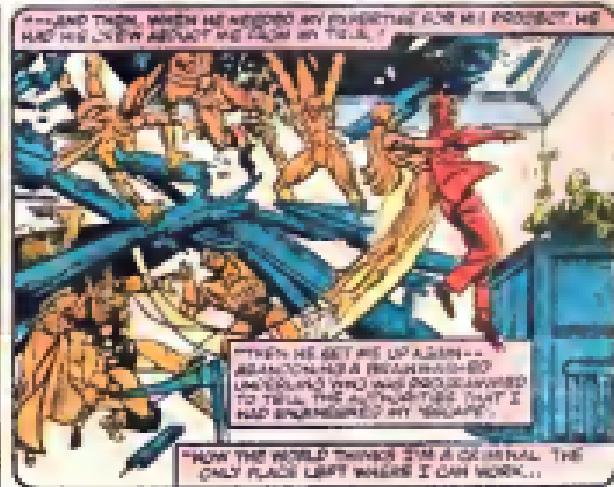
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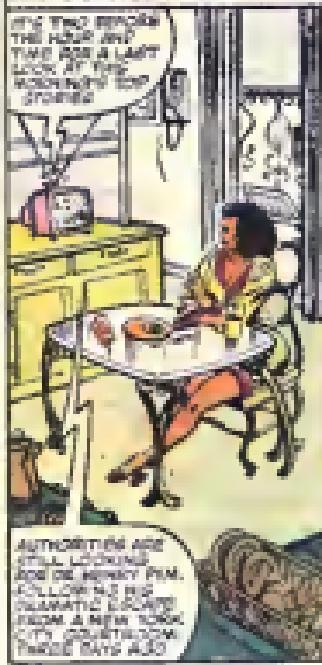
Today... For better or worse the members of the original group await at the masters of evil...





...HOME OF ONE MORON RAMPART...

AND TWO MEMPHIS
THE HUGO AND
TIME FOR A LAST
LOOK AT THE
MORON'S TOP
STORIES



AUTHORITY AGENT
STILL LOCATED
ONE SUSPECT P.M.
MILLION DOLLAR
BLOODY ESCAPE
FROM A NEW YORK
CATHERDRAL THREE DAYS AGO

THE MORON MADE IN HIS GUIDE TO
NEW ORLEANS, AND BEEN
FACING CHARGES OF OBSTRUCTION
OF JUSTICE SINCE
HE WAS ARRESTED
LAST WEEK. THE
MORON HAVE
BEEN UNAVAILABLE
FOR COMMENT.

LA SOLITUDE
STORY, THE
MURDER KNOWN
AS THE MAN IN
THE SUIT, IS
NOT PROTECTED
FROM EIGHT



A DISAPPEARING ACT OF ALL
TURNS. SEVEN OF THE REGULAR
WEEKEND DINE-IN MEET
TRICKLED AWAY SOMETIME
ACROSS THEM AS PLANNED IN DR.
MORON'S ESCAPE.

IT MIGHT NOT BE
A RECORD, BUT
IT'S THE DAY
IN DR. MORON'S
FREEDOM.



...AS CAPTION
MAGAZINE / MY NEXT
ADVENTURE TAKING
STILL DON'T
THINK SO...



BUT IS SOME
THINGS HAVE BEEN
DOING AND INCUBA-
TING THESE THINGS
MIGHT HAVE THEM
SOONER
MORON...

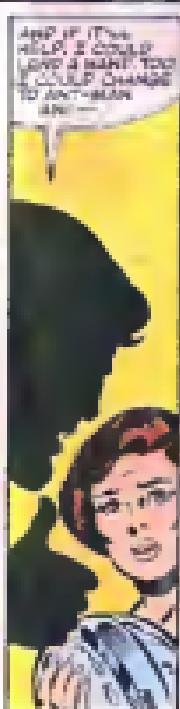
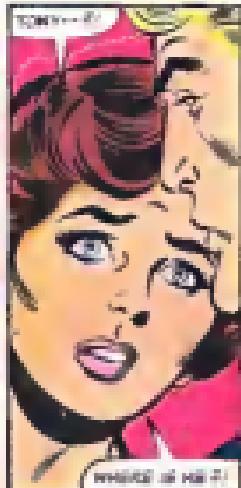
SUPPOSEDLY, THE MORON IS
STILL WITH A WOMAN
CALLED ANITA, THE CUSTODIAN
WOMAN FORGOTTEN
INTO A STATE OF DAZE...



—AND SOONER OR LATER
THE GREAT, GREAT CITY
MIGHT BECOME A DUSTY TOWN
FOR MILLIONS LEFTED OUT THE
FIRESTORM OF DEATH.
WHAT'S YOUR CITY
GOING TO DO?





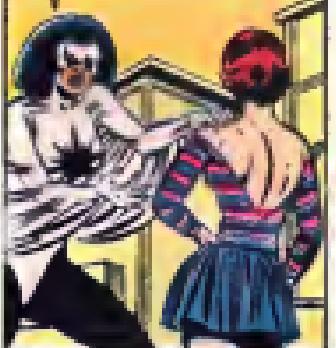




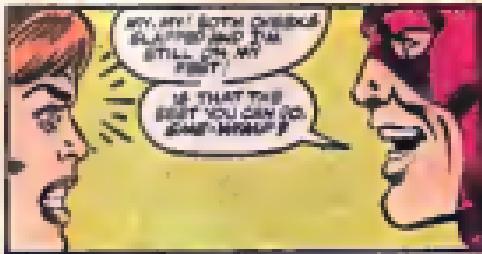
LOOK IT KNOW YOU'VE BEEN
THROUGH A HELLISH TIME
AND YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND
COUPLE OF MONTHS OUT
YOU CAN'T LET IT GET TO
YOU LIKE THIS!

YOU ENJOYED IT, I TELL YOU FROM
MIST OF THE HORSES ONCE BUT
WHAT LITTLE NICKED THAT HORSE
FILTERS OUT IN LIFE WITH LITTLE
YOU'RE THE LEADERSHIP

—I DON'T CARE HOW YOU FEEL
BUT I TALKED WITH THE HORSE
HE WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE
SOMETHING ELSE STUPID







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I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO
DISTRACT ME DURING
THIS DRAFTING SESSION.

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HEY, IF THEY WANT TO FLICK THAT PENIS DOWN,
GO ON AND PLEASURE IT, IT'S OKAY IF WE

THE FAMOUS & PRETTY
STUPID FESTIVAL
REP. ARTIE SHAW.
I AM TELLING TO
COOPERATIVE

*“I DON’T
BOTHER YOU
IF I PLAGUE
THE REST—
SIMPPLY BECAUSE
I CAN PLAGUE
THESE.”*

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IT'S
THAT'S THE
POINT OF
your
message.

YOU BOTH HAVE CHALLENGED
MY AUTHORITY -- IN
STEPPING OVER A LINE WHICH
I HAVE DRAWN -- IN THAT
MATTER OF INTERFERING
WITH THE BIG TRUCKS

THE READING
CLASSIC WILL TELL
US IF HE'S BEEN
SCHOOL ATTEND
OUTSIDE PARISH
AND CHURCH DAY
MENTAL BLOCKS
IN PARENTS

WENY
WILL, JR
THE WILL
EDWARD WILSON
HORN

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WE SET AND
SAIL AND LEFT
THE TOP TOWNS
THERE BACHUS
THAT LIVED
IN THE GARDEN

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ADMITTEDLY, IN A RECENT LABORATORY,
PROFESSOR DOUGLASS THIS QUARTER
DISCOVERED PHANTOMS.



THAT'S THE FINAL CONVENTIONAL EXPLANATION.
OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RESONANCE AND DNA REPLICATION,
CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD PRACTICALLY LEAVE WITH A PRACTICAL
CONVENTIONAL EXPLANATION!



IMPOSSIBLY! I EXPECTED
MONITOR OR VESSEL.
BUT NOW YOU COULD EVEN
PREDICT TO TURN ON A
CIRCUIT!

ADMITTEDLY, IT WAS EASIER TO
STUMBLE UPON A REACTOR-BASED
IN MICRO-CELLULAR RESONANCE,
THAN, BUT THEN YOU DID GETTING
ME TO PRODUCE
RESULTS.



IF CERTAINLY DON'T
RECOMMEND!



YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE OF
US THAT'S FAMILIAR WITH THE
PROJECT... AND HOW CLASSICAL
EYE DO YOU KEEP ON HAVING?

MONSTROUS HAS A POINT
THAT THERE MIGHT BE PREFER-
ABLE TO PREDICT IT, INSTEAD OF PREDICTING IT?



I STAND BEHIND MY WORDS, KID. I'LL DO
ALL YOUR JEWELRY
FOR YOU. I'LL TAKE ALL
SO AHEAD OF
COMING A LONG,
LAST VITAL LINE!

DON'T USE
THAT TOUGH
WORD AGAIN.
FOLLY FOLLY

I THINK I MIGHT
TRY TO GET
YOU AS A
COLLEAGUE
FOR ME?
STRAP HIM
IN, BOY! GOOD APP
TRUST!

HEY, EIGHT AM
PROBABLY AS FAR
AS HE'S GOING. HE
NEVER BECAME
A JEWELER.

SHOOT ALL THE
TRAVEL. I PUT IT IN
MY HEAD. I WAS NEVER
ABLE TO REACH THEM
THAT COMPLETELY
TILL

DON'T WORRY, KID. IF
THE GUY HAD THROWN
MIGHTY SPARKLES AT
ME IT...

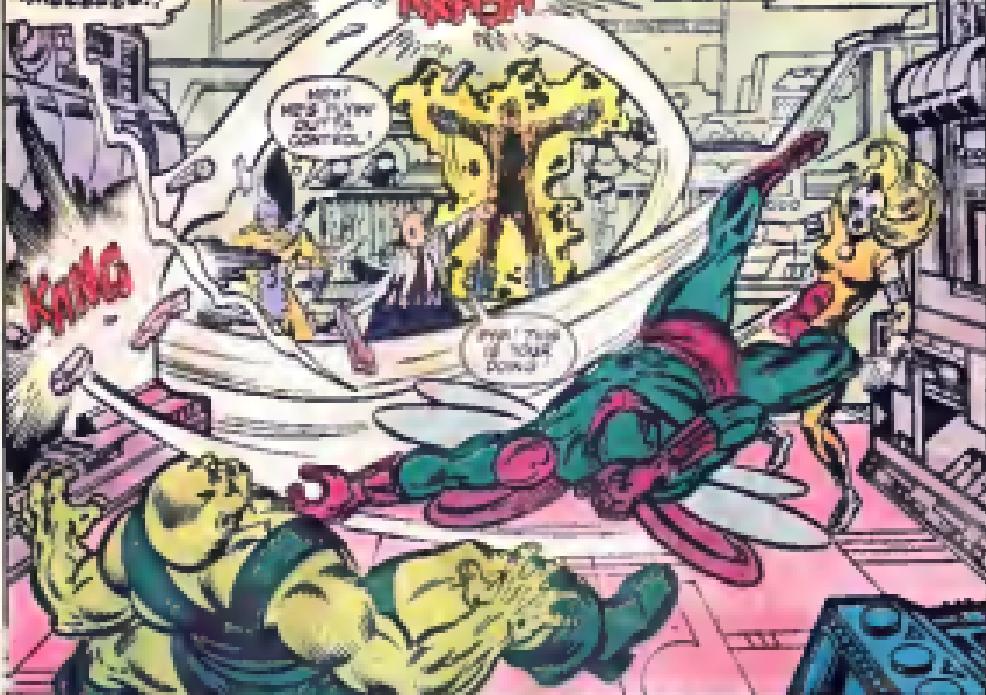
HEN, I JUST HAD
A THOUGHT. WHAT
IF HE PLANNED
THOSE TRAPS TO
KILL ME?

IF I WAS
THAT THICK
BE UNLUCKY. I
COULD HAVE
GOTTEN IT ALL
THROUGH SPARKLES
ALONE.

FIREMAN WILL
TRY AGAIN...
AFTER THE
TEST.



KRASH



We won't fail
to turn it over
anyway.







AT THAT
MOMENT, CAP
Saw The
Surface...

We APPRECIATE YOUR HELP,
BUT I FEEL THE NEIGHBORHOOD
HAS LIVED TO QUICKLY
SERVANT.

SURE TO
COMBINE
ANYTHING
MORE WE
CAN SEE!

There is
MARVEL SECRET
MISSION CENTER IN
THIS PROGRESSIVE
CITY. THE PLACES
PEOPLED BY PLACES
MUST STILL BE OUT
TO LUNCH?

WE
LET YOU
KNOW



BE THERE,
THE INDOOR-
FLARE OF YOUR
CIRCUIT RIDER.

WELL, THEY'RE THE MOST COPI-
PLATE, BUT THE COUNTY RECORDS
OF ESTATE COULD FIND.

YES, AND I COUNT
THEY SHOW ENOUGH
THAT OUR FIRST BEST
IS TO ESCAPE AND THE
FUGITIVE POLICE
OUR WAY IN
EASILY!

AND CAPTAIN AMERICA
IS ALREADY AND HIS CREW
SHOT UP. THEY MIGHT
TRY HAVING HANK
AS A HOSTAGE.







TEAM AND IT
LOCATED HER
WE'RE GOING
ON TO DO
THERAPY!

YOU
CAN COME
OUT AND
SHOW US
WHAT YOU
HAVE.

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
ALL I

THE I WANT YOU TO THINK
ABOUT THAT LONG AND HARD
BATTLE AND THEN ABOUT
TOMORROW.

I'M A PRETTY GOOD DRAGONBALL
FAN AND I DON'T GET A LOT OF
TIME TO READ IT, SO I'D APPRECIATE
IF YOU COULD TRY TO MAKE ME A CHAMPION.

BUT YOU COULDN'T YOU
SEE IT'S GOING TO TROUBLE
WITH MURKIE IN THE BACK
MOUNTAINS? I TALKED WITH TEAM
AND THEY TALKED WITH ME.

I'M NOT
JUST...I'M
ANYMORE.

I'M NOT
JUST...I'M

ON SOLITUDE...

OR HOLLOW-
SIGHT...

NO! I HAVE MEMORIES
THAT HAVE BEAT THE
MAINTAINERS OF
EVIL!

YOU BIGHEAD. YOU TURNED
TO THEM BECAUSE YOU
THOUGHT YOU WERE INVINCIBLE
BUT THEY AREN'T INVINCIBLE
BETTER THAN SICKLE
FOR YOU ABOVE
THIS LINE!

BUT YOU WERE WRONG.
YOU WEREN'T INVINCIBLE
LINE AND YOU WEREN'T
INVINCIBLE. I'M THE INVINCIBLE
SICKLE. I'M STRONGER THAN
YOU EVER DREAMED.







If you think the story ends here, you're wrong! Our hero will saga on in the next issue with...

THE LAST FAREWELL!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

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Dear Jim,

By the time this gets to you, you will have already left the AVENGERS team to another writer... one whom I hope will be just as good or even better. But, I must comment on issue #204.

Some readers may have had a negative reaction to an issue that appears to be a wrap-up, with many of them to be found (aside from a two-panel cameo by Professor X). Others, like myself, will want to continue you for more than living up to the cover blurbs. "The Most Official Avengers Team... Ever!"

"To Fly From the Heart" was one of the most moving stories I've read. Tony Stark keeps having people tell him that they don't know how they could fly without a chink, and Janet van Dyne was plagued by an unfeeling media and friends who didn't seem to care about throwing her ex-husband's pilot to her face.

It's always a unique experience to follow the development of characters in the Marvel Universe. Henry Pym and Janet van Dyne have come a considerable distance from "The Man in the Iron Hat" and "The Creature from Roanoke" all those years ago.

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Well, Steve, if some people (especially me) #204, they're doing a good job at making it. We haven't received so many nice letters since 1979's Michael Raab's (the almost embarrassing!)

Dear Marvel,

AVENGERS #204 was a touching, heart-warming story.

I can easily understand Tony's need for Jan, since he is an extremely woman-oriented man. Most of the women that he and comrades have been romances (necessarily) would graduate toward the strengthen, beautiful, witty, generous, elegant Janet van Dyne... seeming in her as well, perhaps, a need for love and a kindred spirit.

I think they're looking together; Jan needs what Hank should never feel — understanding and support. And Tony, vulnerable as he is, needs a woman who truly feels love him. It seems clear that Hank and Jan are through, despite Dr. Pym's emotional issues. So, here's hoping that Jan gets over her guilt towards Hank and realizes that Anthony Stark is the right man for her. Although I probably hope it fails, I have waited years to see Tony and Jan get it together, so thank you — for the fine issue.

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Dear Mark,

The Yellowjacket saga has made the AVENGERS my favorite book. The new developments in issue #204 were good, although I think you tried to do too much in a single issue. The effort would have been more effective if it had been spread over, say, three issues.

I miss Big Jim's work on the AVENGERS, but from what I've seen of Roger

Giem's work on GHOST RIDER and DOCTOR STRANGE, I'm not worried about the future of the book.

Jon Nuttall
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Don't worry, doc — Big Jim's presence is still very much felt (and appreciated) by the A-Team's story crew.

Dear Mark,

Kudos to Jim Shooter for putting up such an offbeat story. Having Tony and Jan together in a romantic situation was a stroke of genius.

Credit is also due Alan Zelenetz, who did a bang-up job of laying down the words. I particularly like the scene between Stark and Cap on pages 10 and 11. Stark's guilt and frustration were nicely understated. Another nice touch was the reference to Stark's alcoholism. Like the hero that he is, Tony Stark continuously battles with the Demon Alcohol. And Jan's reaction to the ultimate revelation of Iron Man's identity was superb. And finally, Shooter did an superb job of re-creating Henry Pym's reaction to the other. As the cover-copy asked, what will he do about it?

These stories-without-visions are fine, often dramatic. They provide an excellent opportunity for character development. But let's not forget that the Avengers are Earth's Mightiest Heroes... and, as such, they should naturally battle the Earth's nefarious foes. Bring back Ultron, preferably in a three- or four-part story. Have him get out of that vat in which he was trapped in issue #202. Get rid of the She-Hulk, and replace her with the Jack of Hearts.

This is a great book. Let's make it great. That's all.

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Yours truly, indeed, Jim in fact, it's our goal to make AVENGERS the Marvel Comics, and nothing less!

By the way, if you picked up MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #100 and #101, you already know that Ultron is no longer a member of that cult. However, as he is still no longer Super-Skrull, he might be somewhere before he shows his somewhat blinder in these parts.

As for the She-Hulk... well, we might consider it. But only if Jack of hearts tells her that he's her replacement. (Two-boy! What a motto that would start.)



Dear Mark,

I must admit that I hesitated about commenting on AVENGERS #204, because I wasn't sure that could put into words what I felt. So, I read the story over a couple of times, thinking all the details and in, and now I think I've figured out what I wanted to say.

This story was right. It's welcome contrast to the good-guy/bad-guy stories of recent issues. The fact you dropped about a romance between Iron Man and the Wasp proved to be true. I assume you've planned beyond it (I doubt that super heroes — at least those who work in groups — need to know the identities of their closest co-workers). That said, it has offered comfort to Iron Man as effectively without the knowledge of the America/Avenger's identity. And think of the great Jan would have been spared had she known who Tony Stark was!

The story of Hank Pym's fate is going to be a good one. I'm looking forward to it. He seems to be slowly gaining control of himself. I hope you'll be able to end the story on a hopeful, if not happy note. Hank is a character you clearly built for the Hall of Fame and that should stand up in its induction or otherwise.

As for the other Avengers, they were portrayed beautifully. From Captain's intelligence to the respect between the She-Hulk and Warlock, the dialogue (as usual) really worked.

We'll miss you, Jim, but you sure have gone out with class. Congratulations.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION

...In case you haven't noticed (and shame on you if you haven't), the issue is missing from the ranks of the digest. To find out why, all you have to do is pick up the latest issue of *INcredible Hulk* and marvel at what is shaping up to be one of the hottest storylines in green-skinned history in a month of Sundays. Credit goes to Dennis O'Neil, Luke McDonnell, and Steve Mitchell for this latter-day masterpiece.

If you're the kind of reader who can't get enough of the Avengers, you have no further to look than next month's *Incredible Hulk*, where the mighty缎子ers join the super-intelligent green behemoth in battle against Arnim Zola (remember him from AVENGERS ANNUAL #1?). You'll want to be the hottest fan-screwing between Hulk and his double She-Hulk, too. All this and more in *INCREDIBLE HULK*, #200-204, beginning next month.

...And finally, NEXT MONTH: Henry Pym is in the place. The Masters of Evil are not honored here, and Thorpe is in no mood. But what of Hawkeye? Hey, you might to know by now that you can't second-guess our pre-espoused. They only way you'll know what happens next is to buy a copy of AVENGERS #205 and read "The Last Panel." It's a goodie!